

The Daily Standard.

Monday, September 22nd, 1873.

The Slander Investigation.

We received files of Ontario papers by the mail on Thursday to date of 6th inst., containing reports of the first two day's proceedings of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the charges made by Mr. Huntington against the Government, of having sold the charter of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Sir Hugh Allan & Co., for certain monetary considerations, to be employed by the Government and their friends in buying up constituents during the general elections held in 1872. So far as the evidence yet taken is concerned, nothing has been elicited of a criminal character against Sir John A. Macdonald or any member of the Government. In fact the tendency of the evidence is altogether in an opposite direction. The first witness examined was the Hon. Henry Starnes, of Montreal, the gentleman in whose hands a sealed packet was placed by Mr. Abbott for safe keeping on behalf of Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. G. W. McMullen. When asked by the Commissioners to deliver up the papers he did so, but objected to their being opened without first obtaining the consent of Sir Hugh Allan. Hon. Mr. Abbott here presented a note from Sir Hugh consenting to the package being opened, but objecting to any papers being used or published unless found to contain evidence to be legally and judicially used in the case. The package was then opened, but the documents were not read. It is generally believed that the documents contained in the package are either in whole or in part the same as have already been made public, consisting of confidential correspondence between Sir Hugh Allan and Messrs. McMullen and Smith, of Chicago. Possibly, however, there may be other documents that have never yet seen the light publicly; if it were not so, we fail to see any force in the condition exacted by Sir Hugh against their being made public unless found to contain evidence to be legally and judicially used in the case.

Mr. Starnes was a member of Sir George Cartier's election committee in the elections of 1872, and says large sums of money were subscribed by Sir Hugh Allan and other friends of Sir George, to aid in carrying on the contest, but what amount was given by Sir Hugh he could not tell. The total amount of subscriptions was between \$60,000 and \$75,000. In answer to the question as to whether he had any knowledge in relation to such negotiations being carried on between Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. McMullen for the purpose designated in Mr. Huntington's charge, he replied that he had no personal knowledge of the matter whatever. Sir Francis Hincks gave a very lengthy and detailed account of the various interviews had with Sir Hugh Allan, McMullen and others, in relation to the organization of the Pacific Railway Company but denied in the most inequitable terms that any understanding was come to with the Government, Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Abbott, one of the members of the House of Commons of Canada, that Sir Hugh Allan and his friends should advance a large sum of money for the purpose of aiding the election of Ministers and their supporters at the then ensuing general elections, and that he and his friends should receive the compensation for the services of their services and admitted that Sir Hugh was a liberal contributor to the election fund, but could not say as to what amount. According to Sir Francis' testimony, the Government were from first to last opposed to having anything whatever to do with American capitalists in connection with the building of the Canada Pacific Railway. Mr. Andrew Allan and Mr. E. L. DeBellefeuille were also examined under oath, but the one was a public servant and the other from the last named gentleman, viz., that Sir Hugh had advanced the sum of \$1,000 to Mr. Beaubien, the member for Hochelaga, toward the payment of expenses incurred at his election. However this may effect Mr. Beaubien's character as a member of the House of Commons, it certainly cannot affect the Government, as there is nothing to show that the Government, either directly or indirectly, knew anything about the transaction, unless it be made known to the Commission as above stated. Let it, however, be borne in mind that the Commissioners have only just commenced their labors, and that there may be important revelations made before their labors come to a close. As for Mr. Huntington, he declines to come before the Commission, and whatever evidence he may possess to justify the serious charge he has preferred against the Government, he intends to do so in the House of Commons. It would appear, also, that it is the intention of Geo. W. McMullen to follow the course which Mr. Huntington has thought proper to pursue in relation to this matter, and that he will not appear before the Commission to give evidence. What effect this may have upon the general issue, we cannot tell. It is certainly calculated to leave the matter in a very unsatisfactory state, inasmuch as it will defeat final action, which will be the next meeting of Parliament, when, in all likelihood, the whole evidence will have to be gone over again. As we have before observed, the evidence so far is entirely in favor of the Government. Not the first title has been elicited to show that Sir John A. Macdonald, or any other member of the Government, had any more to do with Sir Hugh Allan's private negotiations, than the man in the street. Huntington, Sir Hugh, and Geo. W. McMullen, are to be congratulated until they have made a clean breast of all they know, and they profess to know a great deal more than has yet been made public, it would be impolitic, at least, to express any decided opinion one way or the other in reference to the question at issue. So far the weight of evidence is in favor of the Government, and we most heartily wish it may continue so until the end.

"THE RAYMOND."—A. B. Gray, sole agent for British Columbia, for the manufacturer has received a supply of "The Raymond Sewing Machines," to which are attached hemming, braiding, frilling and tacking appliances. Combining in an elegant shape and artistic design, the several valuable qualities claimed for other machines, "The Raymond Sewing Machines" add new points of excellence. An inspection will show them to be the best and while a trial will prove them to be the easiest and most durable, and the most satisfactory sewing machine for the workshop or for family use. To be had in all sizes from the advertiser, who has also on hand a supply of extra needles.—Government street, Victoria, 13th Sept., 1873.

New Advertisements.

To the Israelites of Victoria.
DIVINE SERVICE WILL BE HELD
at the Synagogue Emanuel on Monday and Tuesday Mornings from 8 to 10 o'clock, and on Monday Evening from 6 to 7 o'clock.

LOST
ON THE NIGHT OF WEDNESDAY
last, a lady's fan, between the Assembly Rooms and St. John's Church. The finder will please return the same to the STANDARD & STAR.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.
CHARLOTTE CLARK, FRENCHMAN,
100, Wharf Street, will receive the discharge
cargo at Spratt & Co's Wharf, on MONDAY
MORNING, the 22nd instant.

Goods left on the vessel at Rock P. M. of each
day, will be stored at the risk and expense of consignees
thereof.

Consignees are required to pay freight and charges
to the underbidder by whom delivery orders will be issued.

SPRATT & CO.,
Wharf Street, 20th September, 1873.

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For Skeena River and Fort
Wrangell.

THE R. C. S. STEAMSHIP
Otter,

Captain LEWIS,

Will be at Skeena River and Fort Wrangell on THURSDAY,
25th September, at daylight.

For particulars apply on Board.

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GRAND BAL MASQUE!

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE
for giving a

GRAND MASK BALL

At the Alhambra Hall, on the Evening of the 6th of
October.

Prof. Schaffer's Band

Will be in attendance.

Convenient Dressing rooms for Ladies and Gentlemen.

Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock.

TICKETS \$1 : Ladies Free.

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AUCTION SALE

OF

FURNITURE

J. P. DAVIES & CO.,

WILL SELL

At Salesroom, Wharf Street.

Friday, Sept. 26, 1873,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

CHAIRS in cases and Set up, consisting
of Cane Seat and Wood, Office,

Kitchen, Dining and Bed-Room

Chairs, Rockers, Children's High
and Low Chairs and Rockers.

Bureau and Cupboard Washstands,

Mahogany and Walnut Marbles, Top
Washstands.

Teapoy and Saloon Tables,

Walnut Whatnots and Book Shelves,

Extension Hat Racks,

Elizabethan, Round Head, Cottage and

Round Foot Bedsteads.

Mahogany and Walnut Bureaus,

Cottage Washstands.

ALSO

Table Cutlery, Butcher Knives, Inn-

door Blinds, Cooking Stoves, 2 Trunks

Clothing, Bedding, Blankets, Chairs, 2

Silver Watches, &c.

TERMS AT SALE.

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Notice

THE BANK CHARLOTTE Clarke
from London. Neither the Captain nor the
understanding will be responsible for any debts
contracted by the crew or officers.

SPROUT & CO.,
Wharf Street.

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FOR SALE.

10 QUARTER CASKS

Hennessy Brandy, Vin-

tage of 1855.

A VERY CHOICE ARTICLE.

C. STROUSS & CO.,

Wharf Street.

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Fire Department Election

Notice.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRO-

VISIONS OF THE "Fireman's Protection Act, 1861,"

Notice is hereby given, that an Election for Chief Engi-

neer to be held on the 26th of October

next, at the Tiger Engine House No. 2, on Johnson

Street.

Polls will open at 10 A. M. and close at 4 P. M.

E. GRANINI,
President Victoria F. D.

Victoria, Sept. 19th, 1873.

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MESSRS. J. P. DAVIES & CO.

HAVE BEEN APPOINTED THE Agents

for the Bank of British Columbia, and are prepared to take orders for every description of Scales.

HALL'S SAFE & LOCK CO.

For Wm. B. WILSHIRE.

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Strayed

FROM THE PRIMESSES OF Mrs. Emily

Stewart, corner of Pioneer and Blanchard streets

a light colored dog, with a black patch on left

"M. S." and "S." to right side.

A collar will be paid to the finder upon return of same to self.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION IS

postponed until Thursday, the 2nd October.

By Order.

THOS. RUSSELL,

Secretary.

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FOR SYDNEY DIRECT.

THE FIRST CLASS CLIPPER

Built British Ship

"ENGLAND" 860 Ton Register.

G. H. HARRINGTON..... Commander.

Will leave Port Townsend, W. T., on or about the 10th

of October and has good accommodation for first and second class passengers.

For particulars apply to

WELCH RITHET & CO.,

Wharf Street.

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For Sale.

A FIRST RATE OPPORTUNITY IS

now offered to any person wishing to purchase

good paying business.

The undersigned will sell at

private sale his Milk Business and Thirty-six good Milk

Cows.

For particulars apply to

AMIE LECLAIRE,

Oakland Dairy.

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Bourbon Whiskies in bulk, of different

grades and prices,

Lochnag, Dunville, and Daly's Whiskies in

bulk,

Sherry and Port Wines in cases,

Californi White Wines,

Cutting's Superior Sparkling Old in cases

and casks,

Blood-Wolfe's Porter in quarts and pints,

Kummel Wasser,

Syrups—Raspberry, Gum and Lamon.

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Also—On Hand.

